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Subject: RE: pre-meet of SFIREG

I presume this is in response to the treated article exemption issues paper that SFIREG raised to EPA and is tangentially related to the clean-up effort in Nebraska and Kansas. The Nebraska/Kansas aspect is enforcement sensitive though and if anyone speaks, consideration should be given to having EPA Region 7 provide an update if they are comfortable doing so. With such little lead time, though, it may be difficult to alert Region 7 to the pre meeting early next week.

While Keith is correct that several of us have provided input on the KS/NE issue, BEAD has as well. EFED staff have been responsive to requests for input from NE, KS and EPA Region 7; however, OPP is not the lead on this effort.

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Hi again Rose,

If you want me or any of us to attend, would you forward the invite? I don't see log in details in the agenda.

Have a great weekend!

Keith

From: Sappington, Keith
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Hi Rose,

Both Tom and I have been involved in various discussions with the regions on the disposal/use of treated seeds by ethanol plants (Nebraska, Kansas) and we all three (Tom, Kris and I) have been involved in the treated article exemption for treated seeds, though I doubt that will be brought up in this forum.

I'm happy to attend as a 'listener' and agree with you that this is largely in the risk management hands. I can speak to our risk findings for seed treatment, but not to the risk management discussions.

Cheers,

Keith

From: Kyprianou, Rose <Kyprianou.Rose@epa.gov>

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Justin and Keith,

On Monday at 2 pm, there is a pre-meet to go over the SFIREG agenda for the meeting coming up in December. It will be a run through with the state representative that is SFIREG chair. Neonics treated seeds is on the agenda (see attached), and at an internal pre-pre-meeting with just OCSPP folks yesterday, I relayed that I felt it should not be EFED speaking to this topic and that it would be RD or PRD that should take the lead. Regulatory further indicated they didn't have much to say so that they'd be more interested in hearing if there are things that the states would like to relay to EPA who could more be in listening mode. I think it would be useful to have someone at the Monday 2 pm meeting, but the BCs and I will all be in a meeting with PMRA at that time. EFED could just skip this meeting, but is there anyone you'd suggest at a fairly senior level that could stand in and at least listen to how discussion on this topic with the SFIREG chair turns out?

Rose

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